

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 29-43 and 53-66 are pending in the present application. Claims 29-43 and 53-56 have been withdrawn from consideration, Claims 44-52 have been canceled, and Claims 57-66 have been added by the present amendment without an introduction of any new matter.

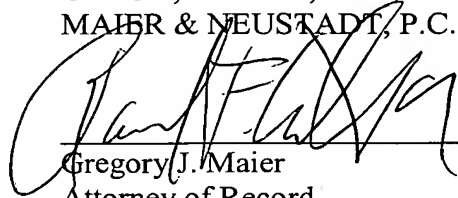
In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 48 was objected to; Claims 44-47 and 49-52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Webster (GB 2,254,166); and Claim 48 was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claim 48 includes allowable subject matter. In light of that indication, submitted herewith is new Claim 57 that includes subject matter similar to base Claim 44 and intervening Claim 47, and the subject matter of Claim 48 indicated to be allowable. New Claim 57 has been written to correct the antecedent basis of Claim 48, to better reflect the claimed invention, and to better correspond to U.S. claim drafting practice. Additionally, submitted herewith are new Claims 58-66 that depend on Claim 57. Applicants respectfully submit that new Claims 57-66 find support in the specification, drawings, and claims. No new matter is added thereby.

Consequently, in light of the prior indication of allowable subject matter and the above discussion, and in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and therefore, the present application is in condition for formal allowance. An early action favorable to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted, -

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